

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D. C.

ORDER NO. 2020

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served August 14, 1979

Special Application of AIRPORT	)	Case No. CP-79-02
LIMO, INC., for Authorization	)	
to Perform Charter Operations	)	
Pursuant to Contract with TWA	)	

By application filed August 9, 1979, Airport Limo, Inc., seek authorization to operate pursuant to WMATC Special Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity No. 1 under contract with Trans World Airlines transporting flight crews of TWA between Washington National Airport, Gravelly Point, Va., Dulles International Airport, Herndon, Va., and points in the District of Columbia. Inasmuch as the application proposes the irregular-route transportation of employees in charter operations pursuant to a contract with their employer, it appears generally to be amenable to processing under Commission Regulation No. 70 adopted June 20, 1979, and effective July 21, 1979. However, to the extent the application proposes transportation solely within the Commonwealth of Virginia, it is hereby dismissed.

The tariff tendered by Airport Limo includes a bilateral contract between Airport Limo and TWA, dated August 9, 1979, which calls for the ground transportation of "flight deck crew members" including captains, first officers, international relief officers and flight engineers. The contract is to become effective as of September 1, 1979, and extend for a period of at least 181 days. Said contract shall thereafter continue in effect until cancelled by either party upon 30 days written notice to the other. The following rate schedule is specified:

Between	Price
Dulles Airport and National Airport	\$ 25
Dulles Airport and the District of Columbia	25
Dulles Airport and Baltimore-Washington International Airport*/	35
National Airport and the District of Columbia	6.50
National Airport and BWI Airport*/	28

\*/ Baltimore-Washington International Airport (BWI) is located outside the Metropolitan District and transportation to or from BWI is not subject to regulation by this Commission. Accordingly, these rates shall be stricken from any tariff accepted by the Commission.

Airport Limo's balance sheet as of April 30, 1979, shows negative current assets of \$5,500, total assets of \$4,907, current liabilities of \$122,868 and net negative equity of \$117,961. The company's operating statement for the 10-month period ending April 30, 1979, shows operating revenues of \$163,009, expenses of \$155,200 and net profit (before income tax) of \$7,809. For the proposed service, Airport Limo projects annual revenue of \$37,816, expenses of \$35,950 and net profit (before income tax) of \$1,866. Accepting applicant's figures, the projected operating ratio of 95.1 for the proposed service compares favorably with the actual 95.2 operating ratio experienced for the 10 months ending April 30, 1979.

Airport Limo states that the proposed TWA operations would integrate well with its existing operations. Because the company's fleet of vans is already utilized in operations to and from the airports, it is asserted that a grant of this application would promote greater usage of equipment and personnel. Finally, Airport Limo states that there are no proceedings, either pending or final, in which its fitness to operate is assailed.

A notarized letter from the manager of flight crew administration for TWA was submitted as part of the application. Said letter indicates that TWA aircraft flight crews arriving and departing Dulles and National would be transported, although the number of potential passengers varies depending on the type of aircraft utilized and TWA's flight schedule. Service has been rendered in the past by Executive Limousine Service, Inc., but TWA states that it has investigated Airport Limo thoroughly, is satisfied with applicant's qualifications and is anxious to receive service from Airport Limo.

Pursuant to Commission Regulation No. 70-06, notice of this application must be published and an opportunity shall be granted for the filing of protests. Protests, if any, shall be filed in writing, sworn and notarized, and shall contain all evidence and argument upon which the protestant would rely.


THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

1. That Airport Limo, Inc., publish once, in a newspaper of general circulation in the Metropolitan District, notice of this application in the form prescribed by the staff of the Commission no later than Friday, August 17, 1979.

2. That applicant shall file an affidavit of such publication with the Commission no later than Wednesday, August 22, 1979.

3. That any person desiring to protest this application shall file a notarized protest in conformance with Commission Regulation No. 70-06 at the office of the Commission, Suite 316, 1625 I Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. 20006, no later than Monday, August 27, 1979, and shall simultaneously serve a copy of such protest on counsel for applicant, Lawrence D. Levien, Esquire, Akin, Gump, Hauer & Feld, 1333 New Hampshire Avenue, N. W., Suite 400, Washington, D. C. 20036.

FOR THE COMMISSION:



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